

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A phase-locked loop (PLL), comprising:
a digital feedback delay line having a plurality of taps; and
tap selection logic, coupled to said digital feedback delay
line, for activating one of said plurality of taps and thereby
insert a corresponding delay into said PLL.

2. The PLL as recited in Claim 1 wherein each of said taps
comprises a multiplexer.

3. The PLL as recited in Claim 2 wherein said multiplexer is
a 2:1 input multiplexer.

4. The PLL as recited in Claim 1 wherein said digital
feedback delay line has at least four of said taps.

5. The PLL as recited in Claim 4 wherein said digital
feedback delay line has 32 of said taps.

6. The PLL as recited in Claim 1 wherein said PLL drives a
latch.

7. The PLL as recited in Claim 1 wherein said tap selection

2 logic comprises a register.

8. A method of programmably adjusting a phase of a reference
2 clock signal, comprising:

3 passing said reference clock signal through a phase-locked
4 loop (PLL) that includes a digital feedback delay line having a
5 plurality of taps; and

6 activating one of said plurality of taps to insert a
7 corresponding delay into said PLL.

9. The method as recited in Claim 8 wherein each of said
2 taps comprises a multiplexer.

10. The method as recited in Claim 9 wherein said multiplexer
2 is a 2:1 input multiplexer.

11. The method as recited in Claim 8 wherein said digital
2 feedback delay line has at least four of said taps.

12. The method as recited in Claim 11 wherein said digital
2 feedback delay line has 32 of said taps.

13. The method as recited in Claim 8 further comprising
2 employing said PLL to drive a latch.

14. A synchronous sequential logic circuit, comprising:
a system clock that produces a reference clock signal;
a plurality of interconnected modules that operate
synchronously to communicate data therebetween, each of said
plurality of interconnected modules containing a phase-locked loop
(PLL) that receives said reference clock signal and includes:
a digital feedback delay line having a plurality of taps,
and
tap selection logic, coupled to said digital feedback
delay line, for activating one of said plurality of taps and
thereby insert a corresponding delay into said PLL.

15. The circuit as recited in Claim 14 wherein each of said
taps comprises a multiplexer.

16. The circuit as recited in Claim 15 wherein said
multiplexer is a 2:1 input multiplexer.

17. The circuit as recited in Claim 14 wherein said digital
feedback delay line has at least four of said taps.

18. The circuit as recited in Claim 17 wherein said digital
feedback delay line has 32 of said taps.

19. The circuit as recited in Claim 14 wherein said PLL
2 drives a latch.

20. The circuit as recited in Claim 14 wherein said tap
2 selection logic comprises a register.

Patent 3,443,450